

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2015**

**Present:** Councillors Mrs Hall, Humphrey, Holt, Mrs Hunns,  
Mrs Humphrey and Walpole

One member of the public

**Apologies:** Councillors Fraser and Mrs Clark

1/15 **Public Participation**

One member of the public wished to query point reported in the last minutes. Local bus service does not have a subsidy. Minute to be corrected to reflect this. Also wished to bring up about the state of the footway. There is still outstanding work to be carried out by the contractors. The clerk has been in contact with Matthew Pickering Cambs CC Highways Engineer who is overseeing the project. A photograph was presented showing water laying on the footway, which could become very dangerous if we have a spell of cold weather. This will be passed onto the engineer.

2/15 Minutes of previous meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014 were confirmed and signed

3/15 There were no additional items for consideration

4/15 Councillors Humphrey, Holt, Mrs Humphrey and Mrs Hunns declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item concerning the Playing Field as all are members of the Playing Field Committee. These Councillors have all been granted dispensation and will be able to speak and vote on any items concerning the playing field

5/15 **POLICE LIAISON**

There was no police presence at the meeting. PCSO Andy Bush is now covering Gorefield but he has not been in contact yet.

6/15 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**Churchill Road – Access to Sewage Plant**

Justin Wingfield was informed about vehicles parking on the access. He will look into the matter, as this access should be kept clear at all times.

**Bowls Club Lese**

This has been slightly amended and returned to them and it should be signed at their meeting in February

7/15      **MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA**

(1)      **Highway Matters**

Response from Highways engineer about the footway, he still chasing the contractors to find out how they intend to deal with the problem. He has walked the entire length of the footway and has not seen anything dangerous.

(2)      **Play Equipment**

Only strimming and broken seat on rocket remain outstanding on the weekly reports. Councillor Holt will look at the rocket seat.

(3)      **Parish Street Lighting**

Following the Cabinet meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2014 another letter has been received. Fenland DC have agreed to make a “without prejudice” offer to arrange and deliver the Category 1 repairs, in order to address the immediate safety liability facing the parish councils and this will only be done on a signed agreement being received from the parish councils giving permission to the District Council to carry out this work on the parish councils assets.

Arrangements will be put in place in the new year to continue discussions on addressing the remaining defective lights and future arrangements.

Proposed Councillor Humphrey and seconded Councillor Mrs Hunns that the Parish Council accept the offer from Fenland DC. Everyone was in agreement. Chairman signed the agreement on behalf of the Parish Council.

Councillor Humphrey had noticed that 3 lights were on the list of Council assets that do not belong to the Parish Council. These are lights at Glebe Close. This fact has been passed onto Fenland DC.

(4) **Rural Citizens Advice Bureau Outreach Sessions**

Further information received from Parson Drove PC about holding Rural Citizens Advice Bureau sessions in Gorefield. Wisbech St Mary PC have agreed to join and will hold their sessions in Guyhirn Village Hall. If Gorefield also agreed sessions would be held every three months making 4 per year in each village. Sessions usually last about 2 hours. Proposed Councillor Humphrey and seconded by Councillor Holt that Gorefield PC join the other two Parishes. Community Hall is available Monday or Wednesday afternoons. Village Hall could be available on a Tuesday.

8/15      **CORRESPONDENCE**

**World War II Commemoration Events**

Information has been received that Cambs CC are making grants up to £500 to help organisations to provide commemorative events to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2015. The deadline for applications is 9<sup>th</sup> February. As this is when Council elections are being held it was agreed that the Parish Council would not be able to organise an event. Clerk to circulate information to community groups in the village.

9/15 **PLANNING MATTERS**

**Planning application:**

**F/YR14/1019/F** – erection of a detached garage/store with attached temporary 1 bed dwelling – land east of 43A Cattle Dyke – the temporary use of the 1 bed dwelling must cease on completion of the dwelling

**Planning applications approved:**

**F/YR14/0690/F** – erection of 4 x 2 storey 4 bed dwellings with double garages – south of Gorefield House Cattle Dyke

**F/YR14/0868/F** – erection of first-floor rear extension to existing dwelling – Meadow Farm 414 Leverington Common

**F/YR14/0889/F** – erection of a 2 storey 3 bed dwelling with detached car port/store – land south of Tyrell Mill Lane Leverington

10/15 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**Setting of Precept 2015/16**

A copy of a budget statement has been circulated to Councillors before the meeting. The Parish Council will need to budget for £18,118 for replacement streetlights over next 3 years. Fenland DC are still considering this but until this is finalised Parish Councils will be responsible for these street lights. Election costs for May 2015 if contested £1,276.35 uncontested £231.08. The Concurrent Functions Grant for 2015/16 will be £1,820. Councillors agreed amounts required to cover all expenses for 2015/16, which came to £9,460. Agreed to make a provision of £5,540 towards the streetlight maintenance less the Council Tax support grant of £1,240 making a Precept of £13,760 to cover Council expenses for 2015/16. See attached schedule for exact figures for all expenses.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Humphrey and seconded by Councillor Walpole that that this amount be set for the 2015/16 Precept. All Councillors agreed.

**There were no accounts to be paid**

**Balance of Accounts**

Current account	£13,635.99
Business Premium account	£2,158.95
High Interest account	<u>£801.68</u>
	£16,600.62

11/15 **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Caravan at Thistle Down Farm Cattle Dyke being used as a residence. To be reported to Planning Enforcement.

The Old Wood Yard at Cross Drove is being used for breaking cars and a mobile home is also being used there. This is also to be reported to Planning Enforcement.

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015

Signed ..... Date .....